(*b*) since then, in how many villages and taluks the existing schools were closed till now :

(*c*) in how many villages containing a population of not less than 300 inhabitants, there are no schools ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—43. (*a*) In all the nine taluks of the district including the Harihar Sub-Taluk.

(*b*) In 90 villages and in all the nine taluks of the district. But their provision has been transferred to other places in the district, deserving schools.

(*c*) Three hundred and fifteen.

MESSRS. VANKALPATHI THIMMIAH and PATEL MALLAPPA (Chitaldrug Taluk) ; T. SHADAKSHARAPPA and D. SIVASANKARIAH (Chellakere Taluk) ; K. KENCHAPPA and B. SITHARAMIH (Hiriyur Taluk) ; GOWDA ESWARAPPA of Dogganal and GOWDA ESWARAPPA (Holalkere Taluk) ; PATEL CHENNAPPA and GOWDA SIVAPPA (Davangere Taluk) ; PATTI BASAPPA and KAMAREDDI MALLAPPA (Molakalmuru Taluk) ; J. S. MAHALINGAPPA and MALKAPPA (Jagalur Taluk) ; ALAMPALLI NANJUNDA SETTY and P. S. DORAISWAMY NAIDU (Hosadurga Taluk) ; BASAPPA *alias* ROGAPPA (Harihar Sub-Taluk) ; M. GURUSIDDAPPA (Davangere Municipality) ; MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB (Harihar Municipality) ; C. H. ABDUL RAZAK, SYED MOHIYUDDIN HUSSAIN and A. BHIMAPPA NAIK (Minorities) ; and S. RANGA RAO (Chitaldrug Municipality).

Q.—46. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the people of Chitaldrug District and their cattle are put to great hardship due to want of rainfall for the last two or three years and to consequent loss of crops ;

(*b*) the nature of enquiry and action taken in pursuance of the promise given in the Representative Assembly and in the Legislative Council with regard to the compensation to be paid to the holders of dry lands ;

(*c*) whether any compensation has been paid to the holders of dry lands ;

(*d*) if so, in what manner and in what places ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—46. (*a*) Yes, during the year 1937-38.

(*b*) to (*d*) There is no provision in the existing rules for the remission of dry assessment in case of failure of rains ; but in tracts which have suffered severely by drought, Government are always prepared as a special concession outside the rules to sanction suspensions and where necessary even remission of a portion of the demand. As no part of this district suffered by such drought during these years, there was no case for the suspension or the remission of dry assessment as a special concession outside the rules.

MR. A VENKATARAMANA BOYI (Minorities).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and the names of graduates or part-graduates belonging to the Gangakula community who have passed the Excise local test ;